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## **NOTICE TO ARIZONA PHARMACISTS**

### **AZ Legislature Clarifies Naturopathic Prescriptive Authority**

**As of August 22, 2002,**

**A licensed naturopathic physician will be able to legally prescribe any legend drug or controlled substance with the following exceptions:**

1. Intravenous medications, (except vitamins, chelation therapy, and drugs used in emergency resuscitation and stabilization, which will be allowed)
2. Controlled substances listed as schedule I or II, (except morphine will be allowed)
3. Cancer Chemotherapeutics classified as legend drugs
4. Antipsychotics

House Bill 2028 was signed by the governor on May 20, 2002. In addition to the above, the bill requires naturopathic physicians complete additional training in pharmacotherapeutics. After January 1, 2005, only naturopaths who have completed the training and passed a test in pharmacotherapeutics will continue to be authorized to prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances. A method of identifying those who have the authority to prescribe will be developed and the pharmacy profession will be informed prior to 2005.

Web Sites of Interest:

Naturopathic Physicians Board of Medical Examiners  
[www.npbomex.az.gov](http://www.npbomex.az.gov)

Arizona Board of Pharmacy  
[www.pharmacy.state.az.us](http://www.pharmacy.state.az.us)

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